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1. IN A MEETING WITH AN FMOD OFFICIAL THIS AFTERNOON, THE FRG POSITION ON THE NPG MEETING SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN ROME ON NOV 6 AND 7 WAS PRESENTED. THE GERMANS CONSIDER THE NPG AN ESSENTIAL PART OF NATO. THEREFORE, THEY STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE SCHEDULED MEETING SHOULD BE HELD. SECONDLY, THE GERMANS BELIEVE THE PORTUGUESE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO

LEAVE NATO. IF THE PORTUGUESE INSIST ON
PARTICIPATING IN THE ROME SESSION, THE GERMANS
BELIEVE THE SESSION SHOULD BE HELD ALTHOUGH WATERED
DOWN. THE THIRD POINT IS THAT THE GERMANS BELIEVE
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THE ITALIANS SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED FROM THEIR

OBLIGATION TO HOST THE MEETING. HOWEVER, SHOULD A MEETING IN ROME FAIL TO MATERIALIZE, THEN A GOOD ALTERNATIVE -- IN THE GERMAN VIEW -- IS TO HOLD THE MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

2. THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE ABOVE POINTS THIS AFTERNOON. HILLENBRAND

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